

COMBINED RECTAL AND INTRA-UTERINE IRRIGATOR.

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In the *Medical Record* of New York for May 10, 1879, I presented to the medical profession the *Metro Clyst*. I now desire to call attention to a modification of this instrument, which makes it available for the diseases of the rectum and surrounding pelvic structures. The instrument was skilfully constructed for me in April of last year by Messrs. Reynders & Co., of New York city. It is of hard rubber, and consists of a cylindrical frame or cage traversed by a central tube. This arrangement insures the easy exit of the injected fluid. Any ordinary syringe can, by means of rubber tubing, be attached to it. My preference in the use of hot water is for the syphon.



Thanks to the genius of Dr. T. A. Emmet, we all now appreciate the indispensable value of hot water in inflammation and as a hæmostatic. Though I have not yet had an opportunity of testing the merits of this instrument in pelvic cellulitis or peritonitis, I feel confident that we will find it one of our most efficient measures in combating these serious and obstinate forms of disease. So far as I am informed, Dr. J. R. Chadwick was the first to advocate the rectal use of hot water in the treatment of pelvic inflammations. (*Vide* his able and interesting paper in the Transactions of the American Gynæcological Society for 1880.) To me it promises much in acute prostatitis, rectitis, and internal hæmorrhoidal troubles.

I have had most gratifying success from its use in a case of puerperal endo-metritis, and in one of rectal ulcers.—*Journal of the American Medical Association*, Feb. 25, 1885.



